

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 and 15 through 21 are pending, with Claims 1, 12, 15, and 17 being independent. Claims 1 through 11 and 15 through 17 were allowed. Claim 12 has been amended. Claims 20 and 21 have been added, with Claim 20 reciting the stationary lens element feature being removed from Claim 12.

Claims 12, 18/12, and 19/12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,721,641 (Aoki). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 recites, inter alia, that the image-stabilizing means comprises at least one positive lens and at least one negative lens, wherein $v_n(4S) - v_p(4S) > 10$.

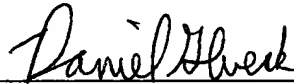
However, Applicant respectfully submits that Aoki fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed feature as recited, inter alia, in Claim 12. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed feature.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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